

At the Regular Meeting of the Greenville County Board of Supervisors, held on Monday, November 21, 2011, with Closed Session beginning at 3:30 P.M. and Regular Session beginning at 6:00 p.m., in the Board Room of the Greenville County Government Building, 1781 Greenville County Circle, Emporia, Virginia.

Present: Peggy R. Wiley, Chairman
Michael W. Ferguson, Vice-Chairman
James C. Vaughan
Dr. Margaret T. Lee

Chairman Wiley called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

In Re: Closed Session

Mr. Whittington, County Administrator, stated that Staff recommended the Board go into Closed Session, Section 2.2-3711 (a) 1) Personnel, 3) Acquisition and Disposition of Real Property, 5) Industrial Development and 7) Legal Matters

Supervisor Ferguson moved, seconded by Supervisor Lee, to go into Closed Session, as recommended by Staff. Voting aye: Supervisors Ferguson, Lee, Vaughan and Chairman Wiley.

In Re: Regular Session

Supervisor Ferguson moved, seconded by Supervisor Vaughan, to go into Regular Session. Voting aye: Supervisors Ferguson, Lee, Vaughan and Chairman Wiley.

In Re: Certification of Closed Meeting – Resolution #12-60

Supervisor Vaughan moved, seconded by Supervisor Lee, to adopt the following Resolution. A roll call vote was taken, as follows: Supervisor Ferguson, aye; Supervisor Lee, aye; Supervisor Vaughan, aye; and Chairman Wiley, aye.

RESOLUTION #12-60
CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED MEETING

WHEREAS, the Greenville County Board of Supervisors has convened a closed meeting on this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with the provision of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and

WHEREAS, Section 2.2-3712 of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by the Greenville County Board of Supervisors that such closed meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia law:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Greenville County Board of Supervisors hereby certifies that, to the best of each member's knowledge, (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the closed meeting to which this certification resolution applies, and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed meeting were heard, discussed or considered by the Greenville County Board of Supervisors.

Chairman Wiley recessed the meeting.

Chairman Wiley reconvened the meeting at 6:00 p.m., at which time she led the Pledge of Allegiance and gave the Invocation.

In Re: Approval of Agenda

Mr. Whittington, County Administrator, stated that Staff recommended approval of the Agenda with no added items

Supervisor Ferguson moved, seconded by Supervisor Lee, to approve the Agenda as submitted. Voting aye: Supervisors Ferguson, Lee, Vaughan and Chairman Wiley.

In Re: Approval of Consent Agenda

Mr. Whittington stated that Staff recommended approval of the Consent Agenda.

Supervisor Lee moved, seconded by Supervisor Vaughan, to approve the Consent Agenda containing the following items. Voting aye: Supervisors Ferguson, Lee, Vaughan and Chairman Wiley.

Minutes from the Meeting of October 17, 2011 and the Special Meeting held on October 24, 2011.

Budgetary Matters

Budgetary Matters consisting of the following: Fund #001 – Journal Voucher #25, in the amount of \$4,844.00, Budget Amendment Resolution #12-61, in the amount of \$30,997.98, Budget Amendment Resolution #12-62, in the amount of \$414.44, Budget Amendment Resolution #12-63, in the amount of \$480.85, and Budget Amendment Resolution 12-64, in the amount of \$83,567.18; Fund #012 – Budget Amendment Resolution #12-65, in the amount of 292.14; Fund #013 – Budget Amendment Resolution #12-66, in the amount of \$130.00 and Budget Amendment Resolution #12-68, in the amount of \$79.20; Fund #017 – Budget Amendment Resolution #12-69, in the amount of \$5,000.00; Fund #018 – Budget Amendment Resolution #12-70, in the amount of \$505.00 and Budget Amendment Resolution #12-71, in the amount of \$1,225.00; Fund #075 – Journal Voucher #3, in the amount of \$3,387.41, all of which are incorporated herein by reference.

Warrants:

Approval of Accounts Payable for November 21, 2011, in the amount of \$687,924.67

Approval of Payroll for October 31, 2011, in the amount of \$379,801.23

In Re: Introduction of the New Agriculture Natural Resources (ANR) Extension Agent

Mr. Morris White addressed the Board of Supervisors and thanked them on behalf of the Virginia Cooperative Extension for its support. He then introduced Mrs. Brittany Council as the new ANR Extension Agent stating that she was a graduate of the Greenville County High School, a graduate of the Virginia State University and was currently working on her Masters at North Carolina A&T in Agricultural Education. He stated that her first program was completed and then he invited the Board to attend Ms. Council's Opening and Welcoming Reception on December 7 from 3:00 to 5:00.

Ms. Council addressed the Board of Supervisors and thanked them for allowing her to come back and serve the community and that she looked forward to working with them.

The Board of Supervisors welcomed Ms. Council as the new ANR Extension Agent.

In Re: Citizens Comments

Mr. Whittington invited anyone present who wished to address the Supervisors, to come forward and state their name for the record.

Mr. Whittington addressed the Board of Supervisors stating that since this was a new era call "post election", he wanted to take the time to congratulate all of the members of the Board on returning for the next four years.

In Re: Two Appointments to the Trans-Tech Alliance

Chairman Wiley opened the floor for nominations to appoint two individuals to the Trans-Tech Alliance.

Supervisor Lee moved, seconded by Mr. Vaughan, to appoint Supervisor Ferguson and Natalie Slate as a Representative of the Board of Supervisors to the Trans-Tech Alliance. Voting aye: Supervisors Ferguson, Lee, Vaughan and Chairman Wiley.

In Re: Mid-Atlantic Advanced Manufacturing Center, "MAMaC" Resolution #12-67

Mr. Whittington stated that the resolution would provide Staff with the authorization to submit an application to the Special Projects Committee of the Tobacco Commission in the amount of \$8,845,362. He then requested approval of the following.

RESOLUTION #12-67
MID-ATLANTIC ADVANCED MANUFACTURING CENTER
"MAMaC"

WHEREAS, in 2006, CSX retained the services of McCallum Sweeney Consulting, a site selection consulting firm that specializes in the identification of potential mega sites and the marketing of mega sites, to identify a viable mega site location in Virginia; and,

WHEREAS, McCallum Sweeney identified one site for CSX in the Commonwealth of Virginia that had the potential to receive the certification of McCallum Sweeney; and,

WHEREAS the Mid-Atlantic Advanced Manufacturing Center is located at Interstate 95, Exit 13 in Greensville County approximately three miles north of the City of Emporia along the CSX mainline rail; and,

WHEREAS, McCallum Sweeney certified the MAMaC site on January 28, 2008 and the Mega Site remains as the only mega site certified by McCallum Sweeney in the Commonwealth of Virginia as of this date; and,

WHEREAS, the development of a mega site in Southside Virginia will have a transformational impact on the economic conditions of the County of Greensville through the creation of new jobs, higher wages and increased business activity within the region; and

WHEREAS the Virginia Tobacco Commission awarded \$6,593,010 to MAMaC through the Special Projects-Mega Site program in January 2011; and,

WHEREAS the supporting localities have appropriated up to \$1,354,000 as a match for the much needed project.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Greensville County Board of Supervisors wishes to apply for \$8,845,362 of Virginia Tobacco Commission Special Project Funds for property acquisition, road design, and the clearing and grubbing of approximately 150 acres of the Mid-Atlantic Advanced Manufacturing Center.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that K. David Whittington is hereby authorized to sign and submit appropriate documents for the submittal of this application and accepts responsibility for the accuracy of the application and the appropriate use of funds, should they be granted.

Supervisor Ferguson moved, seconded by Supervisor Vaughan, to approve Resolution #12-67. Voting aye: Supervisors Ferguson, Lee, Vaughan and Chairman Wiley.

In Re: Utility Easements

Mr. Whittington stated that the City of Emporia was requesting execution of the easement documents needed in conjunction with the South Main Street Improvement Project. He stated that the easements were at the rear of the Courthouse in the City of Emporia and the right-of-way agreements were attached. Mr. Whittington stated that Staff requested approval subject to the review and approval of the County Attorney.

Supervisor Ferguson moved, seconded by Supervisor Vaughan, to approve the easement documents subject to the review and approval of the County Attorney. Voting aye: Supervisors Ferguson, Lee, Vaughan and Chairman Wiley.

In Re: Community Youth Center

Mr. Whittington stated that Greensville County owned a portion of what used to be the property controlled by the CYC due south of Route 58 Bypass next to the building which used to belong to the CYC. He stated that there was an effort, at this time, to join those two parcels together so that a more effective recreation program could be provided to the community. He also stated that a letter was received from Thelma Atkins Riley, the President of the CYC, and that he had talked with Bevlyn Washington, the Secretary and that they both were requesting the return of property on the north side of the branch, be deeded back to the Center. Mr. Whittington stated that Staff recommended approval of the request because the property was as a donation from the CYC. He stated that there was a process that Staff had to adhere to in order to dispose of real property.

Supervisor Ferguson asked why was the property turned over to the County in the beginning. Mr. Whittington stated that Staff was in the mix of securing grants from the Virginia Outdoors Fund back in the middle 80's. He stated that it was the same time that the County received a grant to improve the Washington Park Recreation Field, and improvements made to the CYC and the EGRA. He further stated that in order for the County to meet the match requirements, the land had to be in the County's name so that it could be developed.

Supervisor Ferguson moved, seconded by Supervisor Lee, to approve the CYC's request to deed the property back to it. Voting aye: Supervisors Ferguson, Lee, Vaughan and Chairman Wiley.

In Re: South Centre Corridors

Mr. Whittington stated that Mrs. Bradshaw, the Chairman of the South Centre Corridors, was requesting that the Board of Supervisors appoint a second representative to serve as a council member to the South Centre Corridors.

Supervisor Lee moved, seconded by Supervisor Vaughan, to defer the appointment until the next meeting. Voting aye: Supervisors Ferguson, Lee, Vaughan and Chairman Wiley.

In Re: Bid Openings regarding the Phoenix Building

Mr. Reggie Owens, Project Administrator, addressed the Board stating that Staff held a bid opening on November 17 for the Phoenix Building. He stated that a total of seven bids were received and unfortunately, they exceeded the amount budgeted for construction. Mr. Owens requested authorization to negotiate with the architect and the lowest bidder to lower the construction cost.

Supervisor Ferguson moved, seconded by Supervisor Vaughan, to approve negotiations with the architect and lowest bidder. Voting aye: Supervisors Ferguson, Lee, Vaughan and Chairman Wiley.

In Re: Tower Agreement

Mrs. Natalie Slate, Deputy County Administrator, addressed the Board stating in the past, the County had been trying to provide broadband internet access to citizens throughout the community because a lot of low lying country areas. She stated that studies had been conducted through VHCD to get a vision and plan on how to accomplish it. She also stated that the one of the visions were that by 2012 every citizen in Greenville County and Emporia would have affordable access to a service oriented broadband infrastructure. She further stated that since that time, Staff had continued to work with local providers to accomplish the vision and had offered up the tanks and tower owned in the office park for companies to use for their equipment. Mrs. Slate stated that Staff had finally had success with Bugs Island Telephone located out of Bracey Virginia that was awarded \$23 million through a grant over a year and a half ago to provide wireless access throughout most of Southern Virginia from Mecklenburg over to Sussex County. She then stated that Greenville County was in the second stage of the build out and BIT had asked for a lease to put equipment on the tower behind the building in the office park. She stated that BIT anticipated a 100% coverage in Greenville County with the use of several other towers also and Staff requested approval of the tower lease to allow BIT to put equipment on the tower within the office park.

Supervisor Ferguson moved, seconded by Supervisor Lee, to approve the Tower Lease. Voting aye: Supervisors Ferguson, Lee, Vaughan and Chairman Wiley.

In Re: Renewal of Franchise Agreement with Comcast

Mr. Whittington stated that in previous negotiations with Comcast, the Board had concerns regarding two items which included the ability of the County to extend cable, and now internet services, to areas of the County in which Comcast declined to provide. He also stated that secondly, the City of Emporia was provided a government channel and Greensville County was not which was also requested from Comcast and they declined. Mr. Whittington stated that Staff requested authorization to negotiate the two items of concerns by the Board. He stated that typically the Board did not hold public hearings regarding the approval of Franchise Agreements, but if there were complaints; Staff would schedule a Public Hearing in addition to negotiating the two items of concern.

Supervisor Ferguson stated that he would like to know how many customers Comcast had in the County area. Mr. Whittington stated that he would find out.

Supervisor moved, seconded by Supervisor Lee, to negotiate a contract with Comcast. Voting aye: Supervisors Ferguson, Lee, Vaughan and Chairman Wiley.

In Re: Boys and Girls Club Flat Roof Repairs

Mr. Whittington stated that earlier this year, the Boys and Girls Club obtained estimates for replacing the damaged leaking roof materials on three flat roofs of the building. He stated that the estimates and supporting information had been reviewed by County and City Staff. He further stated that both were in concurrence that the best proposal for replacement was the solution offered by Dewitt Sheet Metal. Mr. Whittington stated that the quoted cost of the proposal was \$25,625 and the range was from \$17,000 to a high of \$49,000. He stated that Staff had diligently tried to encourage the City of Emporia to pay for half of the repairs as 50% of the children and beneficiaries reside in the City of Emporia but as of the last meeting with the City, they were not interested. Mr. Whittington stated that Staff recommended the Board of Supervisors move forward with the roof repairs in the amount of \$25,625.

Supervisor Ferguson moved, seconded by Supervisor Vaughan, to accept Staff's recommendation regarding the roof repairs. Voting aye: Supervisors Ferguson, Lee, Vaughan and Chairman Wiley.

In Re: Adjournment

There being no further business, Supervisor Ferguson moved, seconded by Supervisor Lee, to adjourn the meeting. Voting aye: Supervisors Ferguson, Lee, Vaughan and Chairman Wiley.

Peggy R. Wiley, Chairman

K. David Whittington, Clerk
